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SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, would Senator DeCamp yield to some questions?

PRESIDENT: Senator De Camp would you yield?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator DeCamp can you tell me what Congress has been dealing with the past two weeks. Very seriously dealing with in regard to Viet Nam.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Congress has been dealing with all aspects of the Viet Nam question Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: What is the latest news that I heard this morning on the way down here.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I don't know what you heard on the way down here Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A 150,000 Vietnamese will be placed in this country.

SENATOR DE CAMP: A 131,000.

SENATOR KOCH: A 131,000, so we argued over 20,000. The point that I want to make Senator DeCamp is that Congress is already involved in this whole process. Sure it is easy to sit here and vote for something that really has no effect. They are also appropriating almost 400 million dollars for the process that we are talking about right now. I think that it is obvious that their intent is honorable, and that they are going to try and take these people out of there and that they are going to relocate them in this country. To me this amendment and this resolution is merely an effort in futility. Because rightfully Congress is handling this right now, and you know this Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: There was no question. Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, very briefly, I would hope that you would not kill this. The only thing that the amendment now deals with or the resolution now deals with is the humanitarian aspect in Vietnam. There is still controversy in Congress as to numbers, as to procedures, and there is still a question as to who would be allowed to come out. I think that the resolution does serve a purpose and encouraging and supporting Congress in their actions in developing plans to evacuate and help save the lives of people who would suffer retribution at the hands of the Communists. If you vote to kill it you are saying then that Nebraskans don't care about humanitarian aid or about doing any of these things. If the resolution is not, or does not have any affect as Senator Koch says merely because these things are being done, and he agrees with them, then I would think that he would have ever reason to support it rather than kill it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.